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OFFICE MEMORANDUMFILE St Louis ParkLocation St. Louis Park
(city, village, township, section, range, county, etc.)Subject Republic Creosote CompanyBy whom L.T. Johnson Date May 28 1968Investigation ✓ Conference Office ✓ Field ✓ Hearing ✓ Meeting ✓ Phone ✓Items to be Covered: (1) Those present and/or those interviewed
(2) Situation
(3) Further action, follow-up, recommendations

- (1) Mr. Finch, Mr. Wad Burton and Paul White i Republic Creosote Co. (Reilly Tar & Chemical Co.)
Mr. F Wayne Parkard, JPB, LER, RAE, et al; MPCA.
(2) The above persons met to make a plant inspection
and discuss pollution problems relating to the
effluent from the Republic Creosote Co.

Mr. Finch explained that the plant has been in operation
for 52 years. The plant distills coal tar to obtain
creosote for the treatment of poles and ties. The
only waste product from this operation is water.
The waste water is discharged into a settling basin
and then through a series of ditches and leaves
the property along its western edge. Republic
has installed some storm water filters, but quantities
of creosote are leaving the property.

Mr. Finch added that the original pipes MPCA 17

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conveying coal tar and its distillation products throughout the plant are situated in underground trenches. These pipes are old and numerous breaks, leaks and freeze-ups have occurred. Mr. Finch noted one tank leak where 10,000 gallons of coal tar were lost. The Company is now attempting to put in new pipes above ground.

(3) The antiquated piping system coupled with leaks, spills, dripping and possibly improper operating techniques has resulted in the saturation of the grounds in the plant area with coal tar products. Waste waters and runoff carrying the product pick up the coal tar products and carry portions of them off the property.

L.T.J. will take water samples of effluent and have analyzed for phenols. Compile report and submit to Section of industrial wastes for action.

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